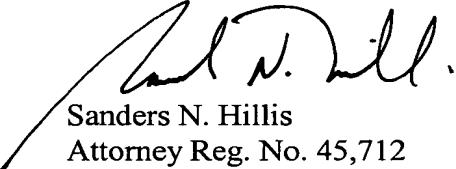


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 and 29 remain pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, Claims 1-16 and 29 stand as allowed, and Claims 17-28 stand as rejected. Applicant has cancelled Claims 17-28 without disclaimer of the subject matter disclosed, and reserving the right to file a continuation application that includes the cancelled claims.

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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